

In the Specification:

On page 8, please replace the first paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The lower surface 43 of the closure plate 41 is provided with a stopper member 57 that is positioned and adapted for closing the aperture 38 when the lower portion 43 is adjacent to the bottom 34. If the vent 39 is also present, the lower surface 43 of the closure plate 41 is also provided with another stopper member (or plug means) 58 which is preferably substantially smaller than the stopper 57 and which is adapted for closing the vent 39 the lower portion 43 is adjacent to the bottom 34. Conveniently, the stopper members 57 and 58 are each unitarily formed with lower surface 43. The location of the vent 39 relative to the aperture 38, and the configuration of the stopper member 58 relative to the stopper member 57, are preferably such that, when the closure plate 41 is pivoted upwards away from the bottom 34, the stopper member (or plug means) 58 is separated from the vent 39 before the stopper member 57 is separated from the aperture 38. Thereby, any pressure over atmospheric or environmental pressure that is present in the associated container 25 is released and equalized ~~relative~~ before liquid is dispensed through the aperture 38.

On page 8, please replace the second paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Distal end ~~portions~~ portion 45 of the aperture plate 41 ~~are~~ is pivotably associated with a pull ring 60. The pull ring 60 can be variously comprised and configured, but, as shown, for example, in Fig. 9 and elsewhere, in the cap 20, the pull ring 60 is preferably comprised of a thyroidal configured body 61 having an apex region 61a ~~60a~~ and a generally opposed foot region 61b ~~60b~~ from which a pair of circumferentially spaced legs 62 and 63 extend in spaced, parallel relationship relative to each other. Through the foot of each leg 62 and 63 extends a channel 64, each channel 64 being coaxial relative to the other. The spacing between the legs 62 and 63 is such as to permit the legs 62, 63 to straddle opposing notches defined in opposite sides of a mounting platform 65 defined on upper surface 42 at the distal end 45 of the closure

plate 41. Each opposing side of platform 65 is provided with a pin receiving channel 66, the channels 66 being coaxial relative to each other. Legs 62, 63 are located so that pin members 68 and 69 are extended through aligned respective channel pairs 66 and 64 to permit the pull ring 60 to pivot relative to the distal end 45. At least one of the pin members 68, 69 is associated with a torsion spring 70 so as to bias the pull ring 60 into an adjacent, flattened relationship with the upper surface 41 of the closure plate 41. The terminal outside portion of each foot of each leg 62, 63 is provided with an eccentric curvature configuration such that, when the pull ring 60 is pivoted relative to the distal end 45 to a location where the pull ring 60 extends approximately perpendicularly relative to the closure plate 41, the eccentric curvature of each leg 62, 63 causes each leg 62, 63 to engage an adjacent portion of the distal end 45, thereby to act as a stop that prevents further pivoting of the pull ring 60 relative to the closure plate 41.